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CLOSING OF SAIGON OFFICE

MISSION HAS RECEIVED ICRC/LICROSS JOINT PRESS RELEAST DATED
SEPT 14 ON ABOVE SUBJECT, AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE RED CROSS REPATRIATION FLIGHTS FROM VIETNAM

A. GENEVA, (ICRC/LEAGUE) - THE LATEST FLIGHT ORGANIZED BY THE ICRC
(INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS) TO REPATRIATE FOREIGNERS
FROM HO CHI MINH VILLE HAS ARRIVED IN BANGKOK EARLY THIS MORNING.
THE ARRIVAL ON BOARD A CHARTERED DC-863 OF 215 FOREIGNERS WISHING
TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN MARKS THE END OF THE THIRD
SERIES OF ICRC REPATRIATION FLIGHTS FROM THE SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

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B. 938 INDIANS, 130 YEMENIS, 106 PAKISTANIS, 48 KOREANS,
12 INDONESIANS AND 155 NATIONALE FROM TAIWAN AND HONG KONG
WERE FLOWN OUT OF HO CHI MINH VILLE DURING THIS SERIES OF
FLIGHTS.

C. IN ALL, SINCE THE END OF 1975, THE ICRC HAS REPATRIATED OVER
3000 PEOPLE FROM VIETNAM.

D. ALL THESE FLIGHTS WERE PART OF THE JOINT INDOCHINA PROGRAMME
CONDUCTED BY THE ICRC AND THE LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES
UNDER THIS PROGRAMME, STARTED AT THE END OF 1972, RELIEF SUPPLIES
TO A VALUE OF 125 MILLION SWISS FRANCS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED
TO VICTIMS OF THE WAR IN INDOCHINA.

E. FOLLOWING THIS THIRD SERIES OF REPATRIATION FLIGHTS, THE JOINT
ICRC-LEAGUE OFFICE IN HO CHI MINH VILLE WILL BE CLOSED. ALL
PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS WILLHENCE-
FORTH BE DEALT WITH DIRECTLY BY THE ICRC-LEAGUE DELEGATION IN
HANOI, THE CAPITAL OF UNIFIED VIETNAM. UNQUOTE. CATTO

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